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1. WITHOUT QUESTION, TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEFERRAL OF LONETREE DAM, DID MUCH TO REPAIR PM'S SAGGING IMAGE IN MANITOBA AS LEADER OF LIBERAL PARTY. WITH FEDERAL LIBERAL FORTUNES FLAGGING IN RECENT MONTHS, LOCAL LIBERALS SELDOM HIGHLIGHTED THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH MR. TRUDEAU AND HIS POLICIES. BUT NOW, WITH GARRISON AT LEAST TEMPORARILY HALTED, MANITOBA'S LIBERALS ARE RUSHING TO CLAIM A SHARE OF THE CREDIT. FOR EXAMPLE, LIBERAL LEADER CHARLES HUBAND POINTS OUT THAT HE WROTE THE PM URGING GARRISON BE HALTED. LIBERAL MLA LLOYD AXWORTHY NOTES THAT HE HAD HALF-HOUR CHAT WITH PM RE GARRISON, AND THAT HIS BROTHER WHO IS AIDE TO PM, REINFORCED HIS DEMARCHE.

2. OTHER LIBERALS HERE HAVE INDICATED THAT WITH PROCINCIAL
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ELECTION EXPECTED IN JUNE, THE PM NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED TO GET OUT ON THE HUSTINGS. THEY CLAIM THERE IS NO ONE BETTER THAN TRUDEAU TO TALK ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND HIS ADVISERS ONLY NEED LET HIM LOOSE TO CAPITALIZE ON RECENT GAINS.

3. MAN ON STREET ALSO APPEARS TO GIVE GOOD DEAL OF

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CREDIT FOR GARRISON MORATORIUM TO TRUDEAU, AND
SECONDARILY TO MANITOBA ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND PERHAPS
EVEN LIBERALS. SCHRYER GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IS NEITHER
CLAIMING CREDIT NOR REAPING ANY BENEFITS.

4. THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS FOCUS HEREABOUTS ON PM'S IMAGE
AS LEADER OF FEDERALIST FORCES. MOST PEOPLE HERE
ACKNOWLEDGE, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, THAT TRUDEAU IS
STRONG SPOKESMAN FOR CONFEDERATION. WINNIPEG'S TWO
DAILY NEWSPAPERS, HOWEVER, HAVE SEEN HIS CALL FOR
UNITY DIFFERENTLY. THE MORE LIBERAL FREE PRESS FOUND
VISIT TO BE GREAT SUCCES AND NOTED THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN
DUE PARTLY TO PM'S AVOIDANCE -- AT LEAST IN PUBLIC -- OF ANY
MENTION OF 'THIRD OPTION' FOR CANADA. THE CONSERVATIVE TRIBUNE
CAUTIONED THAT THE PM LOOKED AND SOUNDED GOOD, BUT IT IS ONE
THING TO SAY THAT CANADA WILL NOT BE FRACTURED, BUT ANOTHER
THING TO DEVISE SPECIFIC POLICIES TO PREVENT SUCH A FRACTURE.

5. IN BUSINESS CIRCLES, WE HAVE HEARD RESERVATIONS ABOUT
ACCOMODATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS PM CALLED FOR TO KEEP QUEBEC IN.
THEY WONDER WHAT THESE CONCESSIONS MIGHT BE, AND WHAT THEY
WOULD COST. HUTSON UNQUOTE ENDERS

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